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Mr. Dave Reuscher  
108 Carroll Avenue  
Long Beach, MS 39560-5809

Dear Mr. Reuscher:

Thank you for your call. As Lieutenant Governor, I am proud to have played a part in creating and sustaining the pro-business climate that has led to our current economic boom. As Governor, I am working with business leaders to develop a new comprehensive strategy to attract and expand businesses and bring higher paying jobs to Mississippi. Our economy is doing better than it has in decades. More people started businesses in Mississippi last year than anywhere in the nation. Personal income is rising faster than the national average and unemployment is at its lowest levels in decades.

I want to expand existing businesses, attract large corporations and recruit individual investors wanting to do business in Mississippi. We must aggressively market Mississippi to showcase our strong communities with good schools, quality healthcare and safe streets. I am proud of the progress our economy has made. I plan to work closely with our State Legislators during the next four years to make this decade our most productive yet.

Very truly yours,

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